

his name, a marble tablet with a suitable inscription be placed in the Hall of the Academy.

*Resolved*, That with heartfelt sympathy we present to his bereaved family this expression of our admiration of him whose death deprives both them and our common country and the world, of one of the most meritorious of men.

The Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Dr. J. C. Fisher offered the following, which was also unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to select a member to prepare a biographical memoir of our late President, Dr. Morton, and that the kindred societies in this city, of which he was a member, be invited to be present when it is read.

The Committee under this resolution was then appointed as follows : Dr. Jas. C. Fisher, Dr. R. Bridges, Dr. J. K. Mitchell, and Dr. Leidy.

On motion of Dr. Bridges, the Resolutions were ordered to be published in four daily papers of this city.

Dr. Horner offered the following, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That when we adjourn it shall be to meet in this Hall on Sunday afternoon next, 18th inst., at 3 o'clock, to attend, as a body, the funeral of our late lamented President.

Dr. Mitchell moved that the Chairman and Secretaries and three other members, be a committee to wait upon the family of Dr. Morton and testify the sympathy of the Society ; which was adopted, and the following members appointed : Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Peterson, and Dr. Horner.

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May 20th.

Vice-President WETHERILL in the Chair.

Dr. Leidy remarked that in a recent visit to Dr. Wilson, near Newark, Delaware, while rambling in a neighboring wood, upon turning over a log, he discovered a mole cricket, (*Grillo-talpa Americana*,) standing very quietly at the mouth of a hole. Upon taking it up, the animal exhibited no signs of movement, though perfectly fresh and life-like in appearance. He took it home and next morning examined it, and found it still presenting no signs of life. Every part of the insect was perfect, not even the antennæ being broken. Upon feeling it, it was very hard and resistant, and on making an incision through the thorax, it exhaled a fungoid odor. The insect had been invaded with a parasitic fungus, which everywhere filled the animal, occupying the position of all the soft tissues, even unto the tarsal-joints. It formed a yellowish or cream-colored compact mass, and in the abdomen enclosed in its centre the stomachal teeth of the insect.

Examined microscopically, the fungus matter was found to consist of a mycelium of filaments for the most part simple, but occasionally branched, and elliptical or globular sporular bodies, averaging the 1-2333rd in. in diameter.

Mr. Isaac Lea stated that he had visited within a few days, the locality whence Dr. J. Y. Schelley had procured the reptilian fossil. It was a calcareous conglomerate, the rock being in place and forming a wall on the side of the road, and was not a boulder as had been supposed. No further traces of bones had since been discovered. Mr. Lea exhibited a specimen of the rock, and stated that he had now determined to name the fossil *Clepsysaurus pennsylvanicus*, from the peculiar form of the vertebra, which resembled an hour-glass in shape.

On leave granted, Mr. Vaux moved that Mr. Pearsall be added to the Committee appointed to select a member to prepare a biographical memoir of the late Dr. Morton. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Vaux, it was also resolved that a committee of five be appointed to select a suitable design for a tablet to the memory of Dr. Morton, to be placed in the Hall, and to carry out the resolution relating to this subject, adopted at the meeting of the Society held on the 16th inst.—Committee: Mr. Vaux, Dr. Bridges, Mr. Wetherill, Dr. Meigs, Mr. Phillips. On motion of Dr. Leidy, the Curators were added to the Committee.

May 27th.

Vice-President WETHERILL in the Chair.

The Library Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, requesting the deposit with them of the Paris Moniteur belonging to the Academy, reported "that as said papers constitute part of a series in connection with the documentary History of the French Revolution, it would be inexpedient to separate them, and they would therefore respectfully decline complying with the request of the Historical Society." Adopted.

Dr. Fisher, from the Committee on the subject, reported that Dr. Charles D. Meigs had been unanimously chosen by the Committee to prepare a biographical memoir of Dr. Morton, and that Dr. Meigs had accepted the appointment.

The Committee to whom was referred the following paper by Dr. Leidy, reported in favor of publication in Proceedings.

*Contributions to Helminthology.*

BY JOSEPH LEIDY, M. D.

ASCARIS, Linn.

1. ASCARIS ALIENATA.—Rud. *Entoz. Syn.* p. 661; Dujardin *Hist. Nat. des Helminth.* p. 158.

Body nearly uniformly cylindrical, white; mouth prominent, with the three lips prominent and very distinct: no membranous or other appendages.

*Female*.—Body cylindrical to within four lines of the mouth, when it gradually becomes narrowed; posteriorly straight, abruptly narrowed into a very